

STORY 45.

THE CONQUEROR OF FOUR THOUSAND CITIES
AS DEFENDANT IN A CASE.

ONCE (Hazrat) Omar had to appear as defendant in a case in the Court of Zaid-bin-Sabit Qazi of Medina.

The Qazi to show him respect as Khalifa vacated his own seat for him. (Hazrat) Omar said: "This is your first act of injustice," saying this he sat down by the side of the complainant.

STORY 46.

(HAZRAT) OMAR'S HUMILITY.

HOW HE TAUGHT PEOPLE THE LESSONS OF
EQUALITY BY HIS PERSONAL EXAMPLE.

(HAZRAT) OMAR stands in the forefront of the great conquerors of the World. But what places him far above Alexander, Napoleon and others is his wonderful humility. He always managed to find time from his onerous duties as the ruler of a great empire to look to the needs of his poor subjects. He might often be seen with a water-skin full of water on his shoulders going to the houses of widows. It was usual for him to buy necessities from the bazar for the wives of the soldiers absent on war, and when he felt tired he would go to the mosque and lay down on the bare ground for rest.

Once he was on his daily rounds, and got tired. He saw a slave riding a donkey and asked him to give him a lift. What honour could be greater for a slave than to help the Caliph in his need! He at once got down and requested him to get on the back of the animal. But (Hazrat) Omar declined the offer and said: "I cannot give you this trouble on my account. That will be selfish of me. So mount your denkey, and I will mount behind you." In this condition he entered Medina.